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Winter Wheat – 1999 Crop

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Kit Carson County was the top winter wheat producing county in Colorado for 1999 by producing 12,235,000 bushels. That output was 6 percent above the 1998 crop of 11,540,000 bushels as producers harvested fewer acres in 1999 than they did the previous year but realized a higher yield per acre. The 260,000 acres harvested were 20,000 below the previous year but still the second largest acreage of winter wheat harvested in the state. The average yield of 47.0 bushels per acre was 6.0 bushels above the 1998 average of 41.0 bushels per acre which more than offset the decline in harvested acreage.

Washington County ranked second in winter wheat production as the 1999 output of 10,800,000 bushels was 3 percent above the 10,500,000 bushels produced in 1998. The 280,000 acres harvested in 1999 were 30,000 acres below the 310,000 harvested the previous year, but the average yield of 38.5 bushels per acre was 4.5 bushels higher than the 1998 average of 34.0 bushels per acre. Washington County had the largest planted and harvested acreage of winter wheat in the state for the 1999 crop.

Baca County was the third largest winter wheat producing area of the state in 1999 with a total output of 8,780,000 bushels. The latest crop was 33 percent larger than the 6,600,000 bushels produced in 1998. Producers harvested 190,000 acres in 1999, up from 180,000 acres the previous year, and the average yield of 46.0 bushels per acre in 1999 was 9.5 bushels higher than the 36.5 bushel average the previous year.

Kiowa County had the fourth largest winter wheat crop in 1999 with a total output of 8,267,000 bushels. The 1999 crop was 11 percent smaller than the 9,340,600 bushels produced the previous year. Producers harvested 190,000 acres of winter wheat in each of the past two years. However, the 1999 average yield of 43.5 bushels per acre was 5.5 bushels below the 1998 average of 49.0 bushels per acre.

Adams County completed the list of the top five winter wheat producing counties in the state in 1999 by producing 6,443,000 bushels. The latest crop was 9 percent above the 1998 crop of 5,930,000 bushels. Producers harvested 160,000 acres in 1999 compared with 180,000 acres in 1998. However, the average yield of 40.5 bushels per acre in 1999 was 7.5 bushels above the 33.0 bushel average realized from the 1998 crop.

The top five producing counties accounted for 46,525,000 bushels in 1999, representing 45 percent of the state's total output of 103,200,000 bushels. The next five leading counties had a combined output of 31,135,000 bushels, bringing the total for the top ten counties to 77,660,000 bushels or 75 percent of the state total. The sixth through the tenth counties with the percent change from the previous year and the 1999 production for each county were as follows: **Cheyenne County**, up slightly to 6,385,000 bushels; **Logan County**, up 8 percent to 6,370,000 bushels; **Lincoln County**, up 10 percent to 6,140,000 bushels; **Yuma County**, up 18 percent to 6,120,000 bushels; and **Weld County**, up 5 percent to 6,120,000 bushels.

Colorado's 1999 winter wheat crop of 103,200,000 bushels was 4 percent higher than the 99,450,000 bushel crop produced in 1998. Producers harvested 2,400,000 acres in 1999, down from 2,550,000 acres a year earlier. The average yield of 43.0 bushels per acre was 4.0 bushels above the previous year's average to a new record high.

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| Winter Wheat: Acreage and production by county and district, Colorado, 1999 | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| County and District | Acreage planted | Irrigated | | | Non-Irrigated | | | Total | | |
| | | Acreage har- vested | Yield per acre | Pro- duc- tion | Acreage har- vested | Yield per acre | Pro- duc- tion | Acreage har- vested | Yield per acre | Pro- duc- tion |
| | Acres | Acres | Bu. | Bu. | Acres | Bu. | Bu. | Acres | Bu. | Bu. |
| Chaffee | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Clear Creek . . | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Eagle | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Gilpin | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Grand | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Gunnison . . . | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Jackson | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Lake | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Moffat | 21,000 | ... | ... | ... | 20,000 | 29.5 | 590,000 | 20,000 | 29.5 | 590,000 |
| Park | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Pitkin | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Rio Blanco . . | 1,000 | ... | ... | ... | 1,000 | 25.0 | 25,000 | 1,000 | 25.0 | 25,000 |
| Routt | 10,000 | ... | ... | ... | 9,000 | 31.5 | 285,000 | 9,000 | 31.5 | 285,000 |
| Summit | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Teller | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| NW & Mountain | 32,000 | ... | ... | ... | 30,000 | 30.0 | 900,000 | 30,000 | 30.0 | 900,000 |
| Boulder | 10,000 | 2,000 | 80.0 | 160,000 | 8,000 | 37.5 | 300,000 | 10,000 | 46.0 | 460,000 |
| Jefferson . . . | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Larimer | 15,500 | 3,000 | 53.5 | 160,000 | 12,000 | 29.0 | 350,000 | 15,000 | 34.0 | 510,000 |
| Logan | 162,000 | 6,500 | 64.5 | 420,000 | 143,500 | 41.5 | 5,950,000 | 150,000 | 42.5 | 6,370,000 |
| Morgan | 73,500 | 12,000 | 79.0 | 950,000 | 58,000 | 38.0 | 2,215,000 | 70,000 | 45.0 | 3,165,000 |
| Sedgwick . . . | 87,000 | 5,000 | 72.0 | 360,000 | 80,000 | 47.5 | 3,785,000 | 85,000 | 49.0 | 4,145,000 |
| Weld | 147,000 | 14,500 | 84.0 | 1,220,000 | 125,500 | 39.0 | 4,900,000 | 140,000 | 43.5 | 6,120,000 |
| Northeast | 495,000 | 43,000 | 76.0 | 3,270,000 | 427,000 | 41.0 | 17,500,000 | 470,000 | 44.0 | 20,770,000 |
| Adams | 202,500 | 3,000 | 54.5 | 163,000 | 157,000 | 40.0 | 6,280,000 | 160,000 | 40.5 | 6,443,000 |
| Arapahoe . . . | 81,500 | 500 | 60.0 | 30,000 | 64,500 | 32.0 | 2,070,000 | 65,000 | 32.5 | 2,100,000 |
| Cheyenne . . . | 165,500 | 2,500 | 58.0 | 145,000 | 152,500 | 41.0 | 6,240,000 | 155,000 | 41.0 | 6,385,000 |
| Denver | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Douglas | 5,500 | ... | ... | ... | 4,000 | 20.0 | 80,000 | 4,000 | 20.0 | 80,000 |
| Elbert | 32,000 | ... | ... | ... | 30,000 | 40.5 | 1,220,000 | 30,000 | 40.5 | 1,220,000 |
| El Paso | 1,000 | 500 | 60.0 | 30,000 | 500 | 20.0 | 10,000 | 1,000 | 40.0 | 40,000 |
| Kiowa | 195,500 | 1,500 | 58.0 | 87,000 | 188,500 | 43.5 | 8,180,000 | 190,000 | 43.5 | 8,267,000 |
| Kit Carson . . | 287,500 | 27,000 | 61.5 | 1,655,000 | 233,000 | 45.5 | 10,580,000 | 260,000 | 47.0 | 12,235,000 |
| Lincoln | 141,500 | 1,000 | 60.0 | 60,000 | 134,000 | 45.5 | 6,080,000 | 135,000 | 45.5 | 6,140,000 |
| Phillips | 117,000 | 4,000 | 62.5 | 250,000 | 111,000 | 44.0 | 4,870,000 | 115,000 | 44.5 | 5,120,000 |
| Washington . . | 309,000 | 8,000 | 64.0 | 510,000 | 272,000 | 38.0 | 10,290,000 | 280,000 | 38.5 | 10,800,000 |
| Yuma | 151,500 | 12,000 | 68.5 | 820,000 | 123,000 | 43.0 | 5,300,000 | 135,000 | 45.5 | 6,120,000 |
| East Central | 1,690,000 | 60,000 | 62.5 | 3,750,000 | 1,470,000 | 41.5 | 61,200,000 | 1,530,000 | 42.5 | 64,950,000 |
| Archuleta . . . | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Delta | 300 | 300 | 106.5 | 32,000 | ... | ... | ... | 300 | 106.5 | 32,000 |
| Dolores | 11,900 | 400 | 105.0 | 42,000 | 10,600 | 23.0 | 245,000 | 11,000 | 26.0 | 287,000 |
| Garfield | 1,200 | ... | ... | ... | 1,200 | 41.5 | 50,000 | 1,200 | 41.5 | 50,000 |
| Hinsdale . . . | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| La Plata | 3,100 | ... | ... | ... | 2,500 | 22.0 | 55,000 | 2,500 | 22.0 | 55,000 |
| Mesa | 3,000 | 3,000 | 105.0 | 315,000 | ... | ... | ... | 3,000 | 105.0 | 315,000 |
| Montezuma . . | 6,500 | 300 | 103.5 | 31,000 | 4,700 | 32.0 | 150,000 | 5,000 | 36.0 | 181,000 |
| Montrose . . . | 1,000 | 1,000 | 120.0 | 120,000 | ... | ... | ... | 1,000 | 120.0 | 120,000 |
| Ouray | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| San Juan . . . | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| San Miguel . . | 3,000 | ... | ... | ... | 3,000 | 33.5 | 100,000 | 3,000 | 33.5 | 100,000 |
| Southwest | 30,000 | 5,000 | 108.0 | 540,000 | 22,000 | 27.5 | 600,000 | 27,000 | 42.0 | 1,140,000 |
| Alamosa | 500 | 500 | 106.0 | 53,000 | ... | ... | ... | 500 | 106.0 | 53,000 |
| Conejos | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Costilla | 500 | 500 | 104.0 | 52,000 | ... | ... | ... | 500 | 104.0 | 52,000 |
| Mineral | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Rio Grande . . | 500 | 500 | 100.0 | 50,000 | ... | ... | ... | 500 | 100.0 | 50,000 |
| Saguache . . . | 1,500 | 1,500 | 116.5 | 175,000 | ... | ... | ... | 1,500 | 116.5 | 175,000 |
| San Luis Valley | 3,000 | 3,000 | 110.0 | 330,000 | ... | ... | ... | 3,000 | 110.0 | 330,000 |
| Baca | 195,000 | 21,000 | 68.0 | 1,430,000 | 169,000 | 43.5 | 7,350,000 | 190,000 | 46.0 | 8,780,000 |
| Bent | 8,500 | 3,000 | 56.5 | 170,000 | 5,500 | 34.5 | 190,000 | 8,500 | 42.5 | 360,000 |
| Crowley | 4,500 | ... | ... | ... | 4,500 | 33.5 | 150,000 | 4,500 | 33.5 | 150,000 |
| Custer | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Fremont | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Huerfano . . . | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Las Animas . . | 4,000 | ... | ... | ... | 3,000 | 33.5 | 100,000 | 3,000 | 33.5 | 100,000 |
| Otero | 6,500 | 6,500 | 77.0 | 500,000 | ... | ... | ... | 6,500 | 77.0 | 500,000 |
| Prowers | 126,000 | 18,000 | 54.5 | 980,000 | 104,000 | 39.0 | 4,050,000 | 122,000 | 41.0 | 5,030,000 |
| Pueblo | 5,500 | 500 | 60.0 | 30,000 | 5,000 | 32.0 | 160,000 | 5,500 | 34.5 | 190,000 |
| Southeast | 350,000 | 49,000 | 63.5 | 3,110,000 | 291,000 | 41.0 | 12,000,000 | 340,000 | 44.5 | 15,110,000 |
| State Total | 2,600,000 | 160,000 | 69.0 | 11,000,000 | 2,240,000 | 41.0 | 92,200,000 | 2,400,000 | 43.0 | 103,200,000 |